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Re: Application No. 10/075221

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I request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment mailed on 05-04-05.

According to the examiner" the response file 31March 2005 is not a timely response since the certificate of mailing has a date of 29 March 2005, a 3 month extension of time would have been needed to be considered a timely response to the final rejection mailed 19 October 2004."

The applicant traverses citing the instructions given to him in the advisory mailed 02 February 2005 were followed to the letter. Under <u>Period For Reply</u> (b) is cheeked. (b) "The period for reply expires on (1) the mailing of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later"

The applicant therefore calculated the extension time from the later date 02 February 2005 (the mailing date of the Advisory Action) not the earlier date (3 months from the Final Office Action) 19 January 2005.

"Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.36(a)....The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final office action; or as set forth in (b) above."

Following these instruction the applicant calculated that two months from the mailing of the advisory action 02 February 2005 would be 02 April 2005. Therefore, the response received 31 March 2005 is a timely response.

The appropriate extension fee of \$240.00 was enclosed with this response and deposited by the patent office.

According to the examiner, "additional fees would have been needed for 2 extra independent claims," The applicant traverses and ask the examiner to consider the response dated 23 February 2005 which explains that there were no new claims added, the claims were presented only as a matter of record..

Please consider how the applicant was carefully following the instructions in the advisory action to complete a proper timely response, please withdraw the abandonment of this application, and allow the examination of the application to proceed.

Thank You,

Edward L. Blendermann

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